

Lower Chehalis language

Lower Chehalis (*Łəwálməš*) is a member of the Tsamosan (or Olympic Peninsula) branch of the Coast Salish family of Salishan languages. In some classifications, Lower Chehalis is placed closer to Quinault than it is to Upper Chehalis.

Phonology

Lower Chehalis	
Łəwálməš	
Native to	United States
Region	south of Olympic Peninsula, Washington
Ethnicity	Chehalis people
Extinct	(date missing) ^[1]
Language family	Salishan <ul style="list-style-type: none">Coast<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tsamosan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maritime<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lower Chehalis
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	cea
Glottolog	lowe1427 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/lowe1427) ^[2]

Consonants

		Bilabial	Alveolar	Palatal	Lateral	Velar		Uvular		Glottal
						plain	lab.	plain	lab.	
Plosive	<u>plain</u>	p	t			k	k ^w	q	q ^w	ʔ
	<u>ejective</u>	pʼ	tʼ			kʼ	kʼ ^w	qʼ	qʼ ^w	
Affricate	<u>plain</u>		ts	tʃ						
	<u>ejective</u>		tsʼ	tʃʼ	tʃ̺ʼ					
Fricative			s	ʃ	ɬ		x ^w	χ	χ ^w	h
Sonorant	<u>voiced</u>	m	n	j	l		w			
	<u>glottalized</u>	ʔm	ʔn	ʔj	ʔl		ʔw			

Vowels are represented as /i ə u a/ and /iː uː aː/.^[3] Allophones are also noted.

Sound	Allophone
/i/	[i], [e], [ɛ]
/a/	[a ^ɿ], [a], [ɐ]
/ə/	[ɨ̯], [ə], [ʌ], [ɪ], [ʊ]
/u/	[u], [o], [ɔ]

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